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CAMERA ON LANGFITT

SLIDE FARM-1  
MAILBOXSLIDE FARM-2  
HOUSE

TODAY'S FARM FAMILY WAS SELECTED WITH THE VERY CAPABLE HELP OF JASPER COUNTY AGENT, W.C. JEFCON. IT IS A FAMILY THAT HAS MADE REAL STRIDES IN ADAPTING THEIR FARM PROGRAM TO CHANGING TIMES AND IN CONTRIBUTING TO A BETTER COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. W.J. WILSON AND THEIR SEVEN CHILDREN. MR. AND MRS. WILSON LIVE IN THE STRINGER COMMUNITY SOUTH AND WEST OF BAY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI. IN FACT THEY LIVE MIGHTY CLOSE TO WHERE THEY BOTH GREW UP. MR. WILSON GREW TO MANHOOD ON ONE SIDE OF THE LAND HE PRESENTLY OWNS AND MRS. WILSON GREW TO YOUNG WOMANHOOD ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THIS SAME FARM. MR. WILSON HAD TO CROSS HIS PRESENT FARM DURING HIS COURTING DAYS AND GREW TO LIKE IT SO WELL THAT HE EVENTUALLY BOUGHT IT. MR. AND MRS. WILSON WERE CHILDHOOD SWEETHEARTS AND WENT ALL THE WAY THROUGH SCHOOL TOGETHER. THIS HOME IN WHICH THEY LIVE IS 128 YEARS OLD AND WAS BUILT BY MR. WILSON'S GREAT GRANDFATHER AND IS AS GOOD TODAY AS THE DAY IT WAS BUILT. MR. WILSON HAS FARMED ALL HIS LIFE. HE RENTED UNTIL HE BOUGHT HIS PRESENT FARM 20 YEARS AGO. WHEN MR. AND MRS. WILSON CAME TO THIS FARM THEIR SOLE POSSESSIONS WERE A MULE AND A HORSE AND HE DIDN'T EVEN MAKE A DOWNPAYMENT ON THE FARM.

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SLIDE FARM-3  
DAIRY BARN

UP UNTIL THREE YEARS AGO CORN AND COTTON WERE HIS MAJOR CROPS. IN 1952 HE DRASTICALLY CHANGED HIS FARM PROGRAM WITH THE ADDITION OF DAIRYING. THIS CHANGE WAS NECESSITATED BY A NUMBER OF THINGS AMONG THEM COTTON ACREAGE REDUCTION AND HIGH PRODUCTION COSTS. W.J. WILSON DIDN'T JUST JUMP INTO DAIRYING BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT. HE SPENT MUCH TIME TRAVELING ALL OVER THE STATE VISITING VARIOUS DAIRY OPERATIONS, UNTIL HE WAS SATISFIED IT COULD BE A PRACTICAL PART OF HIS FARM PROGRAM. ONCE HE DECIDED TO ADD DAIRYING TO HIS FARM PROGRAM HE STARTED WITH THE BEST. HE BUILT ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES FOR A MODERN GRADE "A" DAIRY, WITH THE BEST EQUIPMENT POSSIBLE FOR PRODUCTION OF TOP QUALITY MILK. REALIZING THAT SANITATION IS THE KEY TO PROFITABLE DAIRYING HE ASSEMBLED EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO ASSURE PRODUCTION OF A SANITARY PRODUCT, INCLUDING THIS DRYING RACK FOR MILK UTENSILS. HE USES A PIPE LINE MILKING SYSTEM AND THE MILK IS NEVER TOUCHED BY HUMAN HANDS FROM THE TIME IT LEAVES THE COW'S UDDER UNTIL IT IS IN THE MILK CAN IN A MODERN ELECTRIC MILK COOLER. MR. WILSON HAS A MODERN TWO COW MILKING PARLOR WITH EVERY LABOR SAVING DEVICE POSSIBLE FOR MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY.

SLIDE FARM-4  
MILK EQUIPMENT

SLIDE FARM-5  
MILKER ON COW

SLIDE FARM-6  
MILK COOLER

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SLIDE FARM-7  
LOAFING SHED

SLIDE FARM-8  
INSIDE SHED

SLIDE FARM-9  
MR. WILSON & SHED

MR. WILSON STARTED DAIRYING WITH 6 HEAD OF GRADE COWS AND AN OLD LOAFING SHED FOR FEEDING ROUGHAGE TO HIS HERD. TODAY HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING A NEW LOAFING SHED RIGHT BEHIND HIS MILKING PARLOR. THIS IS A 100 FOOT LONG BARN AND IS 40 FEET WIDE. THE SIDES ARE BUILT OF CINDER BLOCKS WITH FRAME BRACING AND A SHEET METAL ROOF. THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE SHED, WHEN COMPLETED WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH HAY FEEDING RACKS ON BOTH SIDES OF THESE CENTER BRACING POSTS. THE CATTLE WILL COME THROUGH THIS SHED ON THEIR WAY TO THE MILKING PARLOR AND WILL GO INTO THE MILKING PARLOR THROUGH THE DOORWAY ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE CENTER POSTS AND HAY RACKS. WHEN THEY RETURN FROM THE MILKING PARLOR THEY WILL COME BACK THROUGH THE LOAFING SHED BY WAY OF THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE CENTER POSTS. IN THIS WAY THEY WILL HAVE ACCESS TO FRESH HAY AS THEY GO IN AND AGAIN AS THEY RETURN. THE SECOND STORY OF THE LOAFING SHED WILL CONSIST OF A HAY STORAGE AREA WITH OPENINGS IN THE FLOOR DIRECTLY ABOVE THE HAY RACKS BELOW SO THEY HAY MAY BE TOSSED RIGHT INTO THE RACK WITHOUT EXCESSIVE HANDLING. THIS LOAFIN SHED, LIKE MOST OF THE OTHER FARM BUILDINGS ON

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SLIDE FARM-10  
LUMBERSLIDE FARM-11  
COWSSLIDE FARM-12  
HEIFERS

THE W.J. WILSON FARM IS BEING BUILT ENTIRELY BY MR. WILSON. HE HARVESTS HIS OWN TIMBER, DOES HIS OWN CARPENTERING, DOES HIS OWN MASONRY, PLUMBING, WIRING AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT IS NEEDED AROUND THE FARM. HE SAYS HE IS BUILDING THIS LOAFING SHED BETWEEN MILKINGS. THE LUMBER COMES FROM HIS OWN TIMBER AND HE CUTS IT ALL WITH THE CHAIN SAW HE WAS HOLDING IN THE LAST PICTURE. HIS BUILDING PROGRAM IS A CONTINUING JOB AND MORE LUMBER STANDS READY FOR USE BY THE SIDE OF THE BARN. I SAID A WHILE AGO THAT W.J. WILSON STARTED WITH 6 HEAD OF CATTLE. TODAY HE HAS A MILKING HERD OF 26 HEAD, FOUR OF THEM REGISTERED JERSEYS. HE CULLS HIS HERD CLOSE AND KEEPS ONLY TOP PRODUCING COWS. IN ADDITION TO HIS MILKING HERD HE HAS 17 REPLACEMENT HEIFERS AND FOUR OF THESE ARE REGISTERED JERSEYS. ALL HIS CATTLE GRAZE ON ABOUT 50 ACRES OF PERMANENT PASTURE CONSISTING OF CLOVER AND NATIVE GRASSES. IN ADDITION HE PLANTS ANOTHER 40 ACRES OF TEMPORARY GRAZING CONSISTING OF OATS AND MILLET. MR. WILSON USUALLY HARVESTS SOME OATS FOR GRAIN BUT LAST YEAR'S DROUGHT MADE IT NECESSARY TO GRAZE HIS OATS COMPLETELY OFF TO SEE HIS HERD THROUGH THE WINTER MONTHS SO HE WON'T BE HARVESTING ANY THIS YEAR. THE 25 ACRES THAT WAS IN OATS WILL

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SLIDE FARM-13  
BULL

SLIDE FARM-14  
BACK RUB

SLIDE FARM-15  
TRACTOR

SLIDE FARM-16  
SILAGE CUTTER

NOW BE TURNED UNDER AND PLANTED TO SORGHUM FOR SILAGE. MR. WILSON BREEDS ALL HIS COWS TO A REGISTERED JERSEY BULL TO FURTHER BUILD THE QUALITY HE DESIRES INTO HIS MILKING HERD. HE IS WORKING TOWARD THE DAY WHEN HE WILL HAVE A COMPLETELY REGISTERED HERD OF FINE JERSEY CATTLE. OF COURSE, HE FOLLOWS THE LATEST EXPERIMENT STATION RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THE USE OF THE BACKRUB AT STRATEGIC PLACES ABOUT THE FARM TO CONTROL HORN FLIES ON HIS CATTLE. THIS PARTICULAR BACK-RUB IS LOCATED STRATEGICALLY IN A WALK WAY BETWEEN THE MILKING PARLOR AND THE OPEN PASTURE. W.J. WILSON IS A COMPLETELY MECHANIZED FARMER. HE GAVE UP HORSES AND MULES IN 1941. BESIDES THIS TRACTOR HE HAS A PORTABLE FEED GRINDER AND NOT ONLY GRINDS HIS OWN FEED BUT DOES CUSTOM WORK FOR HIS NEIGHBORS. WHEN GRADE "C" AND GRADE "A" DAIRYING BEGAN TO TAKE HOLD IN JASPER COUNTY MR. WILSON AND SEVEN OF HIS NEIGHBORS REALIZED THAT SILAGE WOULD BE A MIGHTY IMPORTANT PART OF THE FEEDING PROGRAM. REALIZING THAT FOR EACH TO PURCHASE EXPENSIVE MACHINERY WOULD MAKE DAIRYING A COSTLY OPERATION THEY POOLED THEIR RESOURCES AND BOUGHT THIS FIELD HARVESTER TOGETHER TO HARVEST ALL THEIR SILAGE. MR. WILSON DOES HIS OWN MECHANICAL



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SLIDE FARM-17  
TRENCH SILO

SLIDE FARM-18  
TRENCH SILO

SLIDE FARM-19  
CORN

SLIDE FARM-20  
COTTON

WORK AND CONSEQUENTLY KEEPS AND MAINTAINS THE FIELD HARVESTER SO IT WILL BE READY FOR USE WHEN NEEDED. MR. WILSON'S TRENCH SILO WAS BUILT LAST YEAR AND HOLDS 270 TONS. HIS FIRST YEAR HE FILLED IT WITH CORN SILAGE AND SAYS IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HIS SILAGE HE DOESN'T BELIEVE HE COULD HAVE CARRIED HIS CATTLE THROUGH TO SUMMER PASTURE. HIS SILO IS CONSTRUCTED FOR SELF FEEDING AND THE CATTLE GRADUALLY EAT THEIR WAY THROUGH THE LENGTH OF THE TRENCH. THIS YEAR HE WILL ADD SORGHUM SILAGE TO HIS CORN SILAGE. MR. WILSON HAS ABOUT 30 ACRES OF REALLY FINE LOOKING CORN. THIS RECENT MOISTURE OUGHT TO REALLY PUT IT IN TOP SHAPE. BESIDES SILAGE, MR. WILSON ALSO HARVESTS CORN FOR DAIRY AND HOG FEED. HE FEEDS A 16% DAIRY RATION. ALTHOUGH MR. WILSON CHANGED FROM A CORN AND COTTON PROGRAM TO MORE COMPLETE DIVERSIFICATION HE HASN'T COMPLETELY GIVEN UP EITHER. THIS YEAR HE HAS ABOUT 20 ACRES OF COTTON WHICH STARTED OUT TO A SPOTTY STAND, BUT THESE RECENT RAINS HAVE FILLED IN THE SKIPS AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE MAKING OF A GOOD CROP. AT ONE TIME MR. WILSON RAISED 65 ACRES OF COTTON. TODAY HE AVERAGES ABOUT A BALE TO THE ACRE. HERE WE SEE COUNTY AGENT JEFcoat, MR WILSON AND THREE OF THE BOYS CHECKING FOR THRIPS DAMAGE.

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SLIDE FARM-21  
TIMBER

SLIDE FARM-22  
GARDEN

MR. WILSON FOLLOWS A COMPLETE FERTILIZATION PROGRAM. THIS YEAR HE FERTILIZED HIS COTTON WITH 700 POUNDS OF MIXED FERTILIZER AND PUT 100 POUNDS OF PURE NITROGEN UNDER IT. HIS TIMBER LAND CONSISTS OF ABOUT 100 ACRES OF PINE TIMBER WHICH HE MANAGES AND SELECTIVELY CUTS FOR LOG TIMBER AND PULPWOOD. HE HAS CLEARED ABOUT 40 ACRES OF SCRUB TIMBER FOR PASTURE AND CROP LAND. BESIDES FOOD FOR LIVESTOCK, FOOD FOR THE FAMILY PLAYS A MIGHTY IMPORTANT PART IN THE FARM PROGRAM. THIS ONE ACRE GARDEN SUPPLIES FRESH VEGETABLES FOR THE FAMILY TABLE, BESIDES THE 300 QUARTS WHICH MRS. WILSON CANS. IN ADDITION ABOUT 1400 POUNDS OF VEGETABLES AND MEAT GOES INTO THE DEEP FREEZE EACH YEAR. THE WILSON'S KEEP ABOUT 24 LAYING HENS AND A HUNDRED BROILERS FOR HOME USE. THEY HAVE A SMOKE HOUSE AND CURE THEIR OWN PORK. AND ON AND ON THE STORY GOES. WE HAVE ONLY HIT THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS FINE FARM PROGRAM HOWEVER, IN THE TIME REMAINING, I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU HOW THIS FAMILY CONTRIBUTES TO THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR COMMUNITY, THEIR COUNTY AND THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI. WHILE I DO IT, I WANT YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT THIS FINE JASPER COUNTY FARM FAMILY



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### CAMERA ON WILSON FAMILY

MR. AND MRS. W.J. WILSON HAVE 3 BOYS AND FOUR GIRLS. THE OLDEST, JIMMIE QUAY IS TEACHING HOME ECONOMICS IN PENSACOLA SCHOOLS. MARION, HAS JUST RECENTLY RETURNED FROM SERVICE AND IS ALSO JUST RECENTLY MARRIED TO A NORTH CAROLINA FARM GIRL. DAUGHTER ROSE IS IN HER SECOND YEAR AT M.S.C.W., JOHN WILLIS IS A JUNIOR AT STRINGER HIGH SCHOOL, AND SO IS CORA JON. CHARLIE IS IN THE 8TH GRADE AND DAUGHTER BECKIE IN THE 5TH GRADE. ALL OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS HAVE BECOME 4-H CLUB MEMBERS AS THEY REACHED CLUB AGE. MR. AND MRS. WILSON AND THEIR FAMILY BELONG TO THE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH WHERE MR. WILSON HAS BEEN A DEACON FOR 22 YEARS. FOR MANY YEARS HE WAS SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. MRS. WILSON HAS BEEN TEACHING THE SENIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR TEN YEARS. MRS. WILSON HAS BEEN A LEADER IN 4-H CLUB WORK FOR 15 YEARS. SHE HAS REPRESENTED STATE 4-H LEADERS ON THE DISTRICT 4-H COUNCIL. SHE IS A COMMUNITY 4-H CLUB LEADER AND HAS BEEN A HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEMBER FOR 20 YEARS, HAVING SERVED IN ALMOST EVERY OFFICE OF THE ORGANIZATION. MR. WILSON IS A MEMBER OF THE JASPER COUNTY ARTIFICIAL BREEDERS ASSOCIATION, MEMBER OF THE COUNTY DAIRY ASSOCIATION, DIRECTOR

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OF THE COUNTY FARM BUREAU, MEMBER OF THE JASPER COUNTY CO-OP GIN AND THE COUNTY CO-OP. HE IS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NEWTON NATIONAL FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION. MR. AND MRS. WILSON HAVE AS THEIR FIRST GOAL IN LIFE TO SEE ALL THEIR CHILDREN GET A COLLEGE EDUCATION AND UP TO THIS POINT ALL OF THEM HAVE GONE ON TO COLLEGE. THERE'S MORE TO THIS STORY, BUT LET'S GET THE REST OF IT FROM THE FAMILY.